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FOREWORD

The American Society for Quality Control is pleased to publish these Transactions of papers presented at our 31st Annual Technical Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 16-18, 1977. Although these papers have been screened by the sponsoring Division or Technical Committee, the Society assumes no responsibility for the contents of the papers printed here. Some of these papers may later be reviewed by an editorial board of the Society and may appear in one of our regular publications. We hope that you will find these papers both educational and inspirational.

Lawrence R. Dorsky,
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COMMENTS - 31st ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

Case Scott
Technical Program Chairman

This year's technical program has been purposely biased for the benefit of attendees. Speakers were selected who will contribute from their presentations, practical approaches to the assurance of quality attainment with productivity improvement.

The stories told, the approaches taken, the successes attained are reflected in the pages of this book.

Your attendance at this Conference thus may provide to you the means to modify or improve your practices by listening to the speakers, reviewing their papers, and/or by exchanging conversation with your fellow professionals on the papers presented, or on quality-related subject matter of concern to you.

For the benefit of attendees, the Conference was planned to encourage a full three-day participation.

The third day of the Conference was planned to provide creditable, experienced personnel on presenting approaches to solving today's quality problems. Additionally, the third day programming factors in emphasis on government QA related functions.

The first and second day provide a variety of quality-related subject matter including presentations of tutorials and films. The only regret in structuring program content, is that many interesting presentations will be made simultaneously, which hinders the attendee from hearing each speaker.

Nevertheless, please take time at the Conference to meet the speakers, your Society officers, and other attendees--to review and discuss subject matter of interest to you--to enrich your experience and improve your capability to deliver, in accordance with the Conference Theme, increased productivity with quality.

At this time, I would like to encourage you to please take a few minutes out of your busy Conference schedule, complete the Conference Report Card and leave the Card prior to your departure at the designated location for its collection.

For improvement in Conference programming to your liking, your comments need to be made known.

Thank you for attending the Conference either as an attendee, speaker or both.

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Jay W. Leek
Technical Program Chairman

Now that the 31st Annual Technical Conference is underway, it is time to start planning for the 32nd Annual Technical Conference to be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois, May 5-8, 1978.

The Conference theme "Quality--True Test of Management" provides for a setting both provocative and stimulating, papers of interest to all attendees, and a program you do not want to miss. Further, the Technical Conference Committee is soliciting contributed papers for presentation and publication in the Conference Transactions. The June 1977 issue of Quality Progress will carry the necessary details for submittal of abstracts for presentation.

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